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1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE DEBATE INTENSIFIES

AS ANTICIPATED THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION HAS
BECOME THE VEHICLE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL BRAWL OVER MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY. THE BILL
WILL BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE THE WEEK OF JULY 24 AND IN
THE HOUSE DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE MAJOR ISSUES ARE:

--TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO

THE SENATE VOTE ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO PROMISES TO BE CLOSE, BUT UNLESS THE ISSUE BECOMES TOTALLY EMBROILED IN THE RHODESIA QUESTION, WE SHOULD WIN. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY TAKE UP THE TURKISH EMBARGO ISSUE ON AUGUST 1. WITH A VICTORY IN THE SENATE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE. A VARIETY OF AMENDMENTS ON TURKEY WILL PROBABLY BE INTRODUCED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR AND THEIR PASSAGE COULD DILUTE A CLEAR-CUT ADMINISTRATION SUCCESS.

--RHODESIA: HELMS AMENDMENT

WE ARE ADAMANTLY OPPOSING HELMS' BID TO LIFT SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA, AND ARE NOT ENDORSING THE EMERGING CASE/JAVITS/MOYNIHAN SUBSTITUTE WHICH WILL BE THE VEHICLE FOR THOSE FIGHTING HELMS.

--KOREA

PERCY WILL OFFER AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM KOREA IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND PEACE IN ASIA. GLENN, CHURCH AND PROBABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUNN AND KENNEDY WILL OFFER A SUBSTITUTE INDICATING THAT OUR WITHDRAWAL SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT ON A "PRECONCEIVED AND RIGID" TIMETABLE. WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR THE PERCY AMENDMENT WHILE WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE LEADERSHIP AND MOST OF THE DEMOCRATS WILL FALL IN BEHIND THE GLENN AMENDMENT. OUR MAJOR EFFORT TO DATE HAS BEEN TO TRY TO PREVENT THE DEFECTION OF SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER OUR KOREAN POLICY.

--CHINA

WE ALSO ANTICIPATE TWO AMENDMENTS ON OUR CHINA POLICY, BOTH CALLING ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSULT ON ANY CHANGE IN OUR CHINA POLICY WHICH MIGHT AFFECT OUR SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN. DOLE'S AMENDMENT, INCLUDING PRO-TAIWAN ANTI-PRC LANGUAGE, WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE REPUBLICAN SUPPORT, WHILE A SUBSTITUTE KENNEDY/CRANSTON/GLENN AMENDMENT WILL OFFER SUCH GENERAL LANGUAGE THAT MOST DEMOCRATS AND SOME REPUBLICANS MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT.

--ADDITIONAL ITEMS

IN ADDITION, WE ANTICIPATE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

-HARRY BYRD WILL GO AFTER SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA;

-BAKER THREATENS TO MOVE TO RESCIND MCGOVERN'S IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT ADOPTED LAST YEAR OVER THE PROTESTS OF ORGANIZED LABOR;

-TOWER HAD PLANNED TO TRY REPEAL OF THE CLARK AMENDMENT PROHIBITING U.S. ACTION IN ANGOLA, BUT MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BACK OFF;

-THERE WILL ALSO ALSO BE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS PLUS NOTIONAL ITEMS DESIGNED TO TWEAK THE ADMINISTRATION.

2. IMMIGRATION

THE HOUSE JULY 18 PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY TWO IMMIGRATION BILLS:

--(H.R. 12508) WHICH FACILITATES THE ADMISSION INTO THE U.S. OF MORE THAN TWO ADOPTED CHILDREN - THE CURRENT LIMIT PERMITTED BY LAW - AND PROVIDES FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS NATURALIZATION OF ADOPTED CHILDREN; AND

--(H.R. 12443) WHICH ESTABLISHES A SINGLE WORLD-WIDE NUMERICAL CEILING FOR THE ADMISSION OF IMMIGRATION FROM THE WESTERN AND EASTERN HEMISPHERES.

IF ENACTED, THE LATTER BILL WOULD, INTER ALIA, MAKE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY REFUGEES ON A GLOBAL BASIS THE CURRENTLY UNUSED SEVENTH PREFERENCE NUMBERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES A 16 MEMBER EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE SELECT COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICY AND PROVIDES FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR ALL REFUGEES RETROACTIVE TO THE DATE OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE PROVISIONS SEPARATELY AVAILABLE UNDER PRESENT LAWS FOR CUBAN AND INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. THE EFFECT OF THIS PROVISION REMOVES THE NEED TO WAIT TWO YEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS.

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THE MOST IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THE ENTIRE BILL IS TO FREE
UP 8,000 NUMBERS FOR USE BY THE VIETNAMESE BOAT CASES.

3. EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE BRIEFING

BILL LUERS (EUR) BRIEFED THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
CURRENT STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES IN
THE RELATIONSHIP (SALT, THE TRIALS, TRADE), THE FOCUS
WAS ON SOVIET MOTIVATIONS AND THE ADJUSTMENT NECESSARY
TO DEAL WITH THE CHANGED RELATIONSHIP OVER THE LONG-
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